

## American Legion Riders Scholarship Form

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent \_\_\_\_\_ (Fill in only the name of the person who gives you eligibility)

Date of father's, mother's or grandparent's enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge date and place \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family \_\_\_\_\_ ages \_\_\_\_\_ number in college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of father, step-father or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ income \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of mother, step-mother or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ income \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security, government compensation or pension you receive \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be eligible under another government program? \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for or been awarded another scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_ Name/Amount \_\_\_\_\_

High school from which you will, or have graduated \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of College/University or Technical Institute you wish to attend:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements: The applicant shall submit**

- a. Original article of not more than 500 words on “What Patriotism Means to Me” or “Why do You Think veterans Support Organizations like the American Legion Riders are Important to the World Today?”
- b. Copy of high school grades.
- c. Completed application, stating actual need of financial assistance.
- d. All required documents to American Legion Riders, postmarked by March 7.
- e. Letters of Recommendations as listed below.

**Letters of Recommendation:**

The applicant shall submit three (2) letters of recommendation;

- a. One letter from a school administrator from school he/she will graduate or currently attends, or clergy of the church he/she attends.
- b. One letter from a business person or representative citizen who knows him/her in community/home life.

**Letters of recommendation shall include statements regarding some of the following:**

- a. Character – giving standards of conduct, strength of character, adherence to truth and conscience, devotion to church and daily duties.
- b. Americanism – fine ideals, love of country.
- c. Activities – describing activities of church, school, organizations or community leadership ability, work history and personal magnetism.

**Awards:**

- a. The American Legion Riders, with qualified judges chosen, shall make the final selections. Entries shall be judged, and winners selected, using the following criteria: Character, 30%; Americanism, 10%; Leadership, 10%; Academics, 20%; Basis of Need, 30%.
- b. The committee shall select alternates for each award, in the event the winners cannot execute his/her plans.
- c. Winners will be notified during their high school awards night or an American Legion Function.

## American Legion Riders Scholarship

Welcome to The American Legion Riders Scholarship application. This Scholarship will be given to two deserving recipients in the amount of \$500.

**To qualify and apply** for The American Legion Riders Scholarship, you must be able to answer **YES** to the following 3 questions.

### **Guidelines:**

1. This scholarship is for any student whose parent/s or grandparent is either an active or retired military veteran.
  - a. A legal parent of mine died while serving on active duty, U.S. military service on or after September 11, 2001. (Does not have to be a death out-of-country or in combat.)
  - b. A legal parent of mine is a Post-9/11 veteran of the U.S. military, who has been given a disability rating of 50% or higher by the Veterans Administration.
2. Attending a high school or college or Vocational School either in Castlewood, Clark, Florence, Henry, Waverly/South Shore, or Watertown.
3. Entering their junior or senior year of high school.
4. Maintaining a strong academic performance.

If you can answer **YES** to the previous 3 questions, you may fill out this application.